

Certification Examination in Family Medicine

Spring 2022 Examination Administration Report

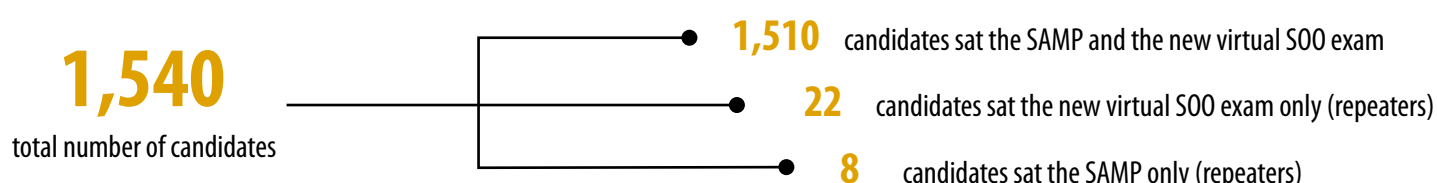
The College of Family Physicians of Canada™ (CFPC) conducts the Certification Examination in Family Medicine virtually in the spring and fall in English and French.



The written component of the examination, the computer-based short-answer management problems (SAMPs), took place from **April 19 to April 21, 2022**. It was four hours in length with an optional 15-minute break.

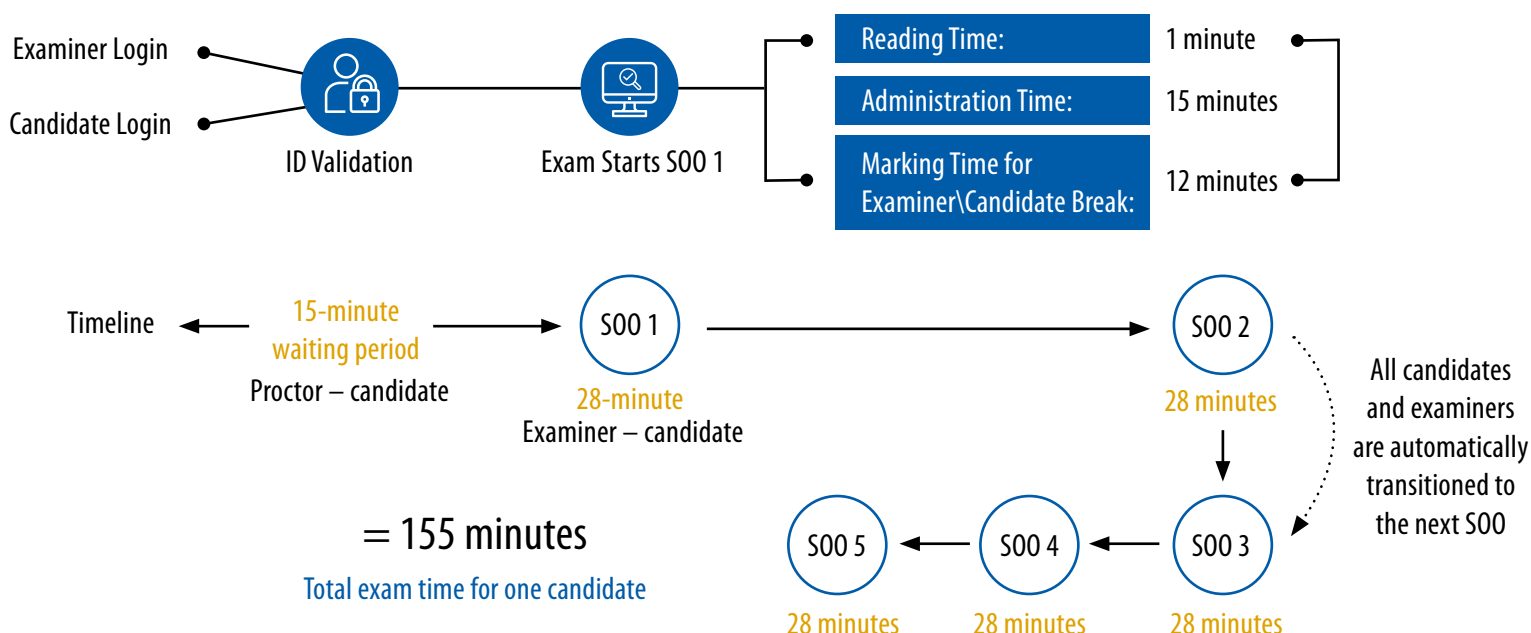


The new virtual simulated office oral (S00) component of the Certification Examination in Family Medicine was administered to all eligible candidates. This was the biggest interactive virtual examination in Canada so far.



The new virtual S00 explained

S00 flow: In the exam, the candidate assumes the role of the family doctor caring for a patient in their office setting. The examiner, a certified family physician, plays the role of the patient and marks the candidate's performance during the exam. The candidate encounters five different "patients" in a row (five S00 cases).



Exam development

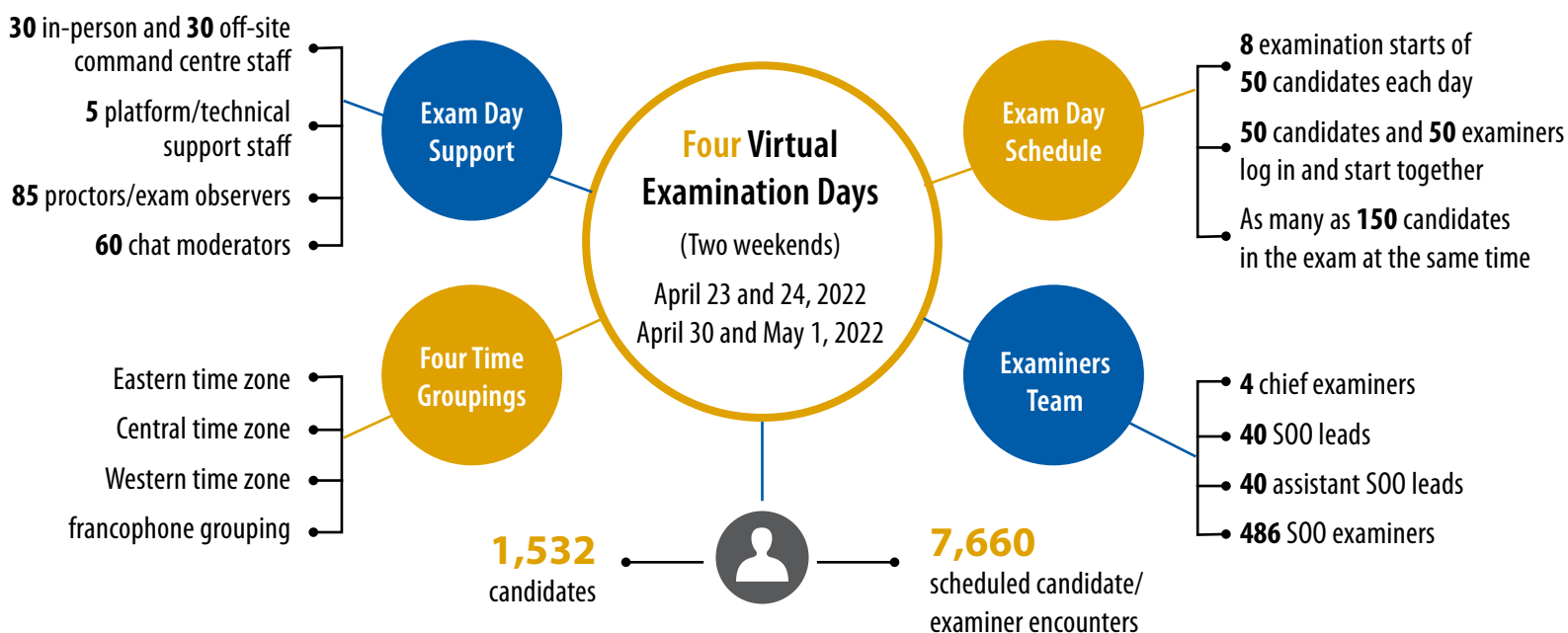
Content development:

- 10 S00 English and French cases
- 10 S00 writers (authors and reviewers)
- 8 S00 committee meetings

Exam delivery platform development:

- 20 hours of user acceptance testing
- 2 virtual and 2 in-person staff platform training sessions
- 2 dry-runs
- Business process transformation
- Bilingual exam interface

Oral exam administration details



Candidate readiness

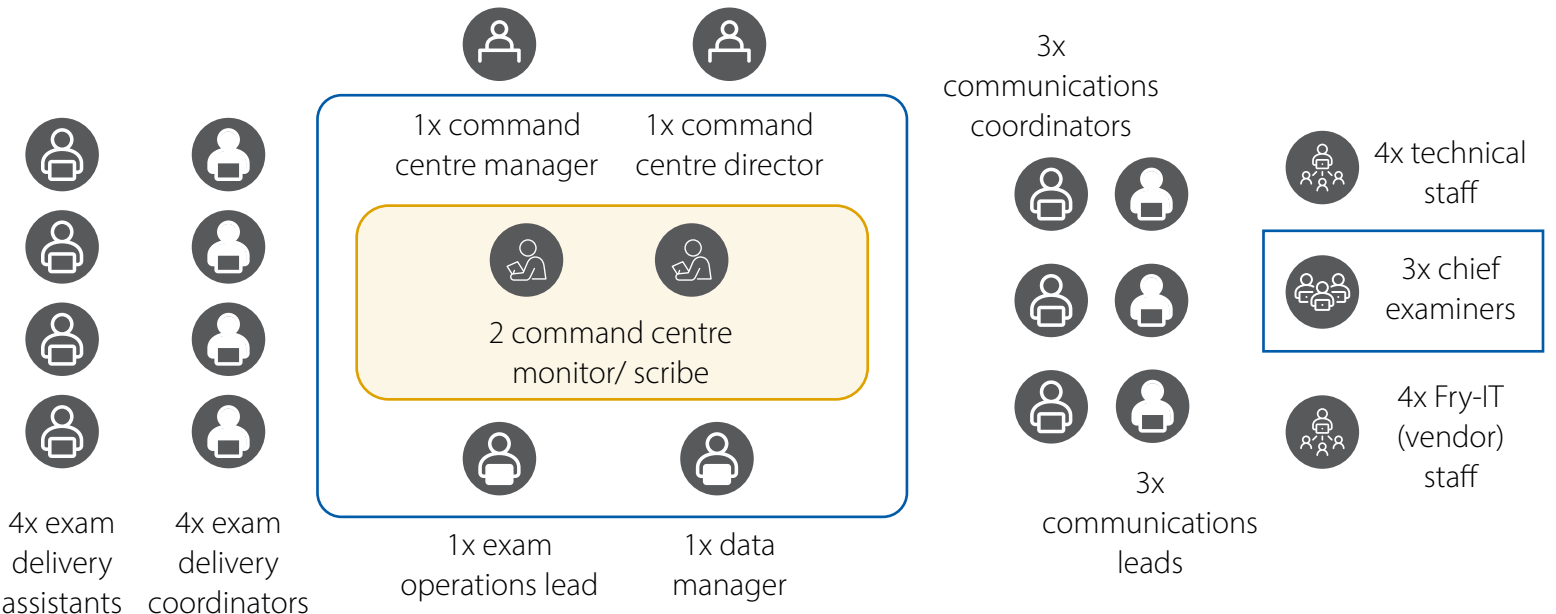
- [Instructional videos, audio recordings, and written materials](#)
- [Frequently asked questions document](#)
- [Candidate technical user guide](#)
- [Live webinar](#)
- [Sample video of a virtual S00 encounter](#)

Examiner readiness

- Platform orientation including hands-on experience in the demo environment
- Marking standardization session: Virtual calibration session using mock candidates
- S00 lead and assistant S00 lead training
- Incident management guide
- Examiner training on performance assessment of patient-centered approach, identifying a range of judgment biases, and managing the impact of bias in assessment

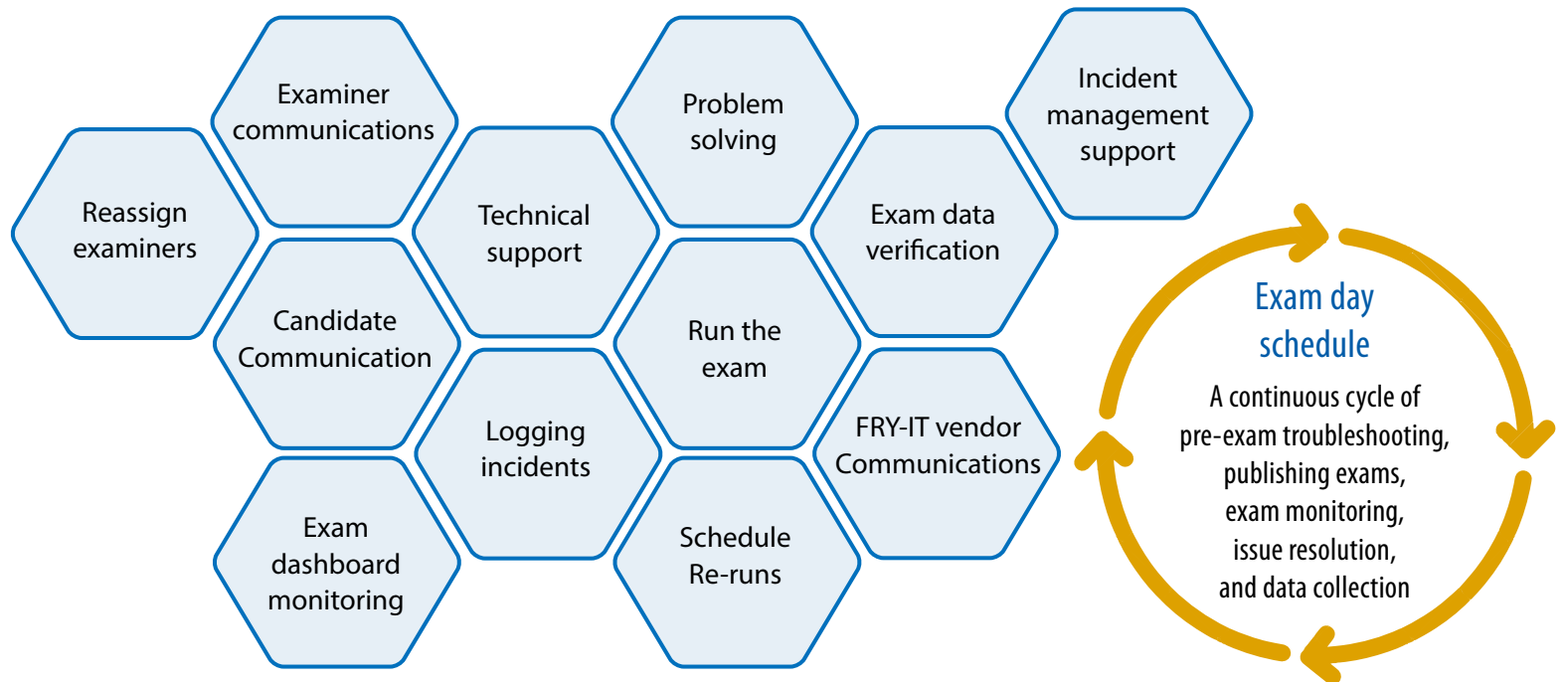
Exam day command centre

To ensure secure, effective, and seamless candidate and examiner support, a fully staffed, well-trained in-person command centre was formed:



Command centre staff's job is to ensure every candidate scheduled gets examined.

Key functions:



Outcomes:

100% capture of examiner marking and more qualitative written comments about candidate performance than ever before

- Immediate quality checks
- Time and cost savings

26% French **74%** English

Our largest ever francophone cohort at just over one quarter of all our candidates

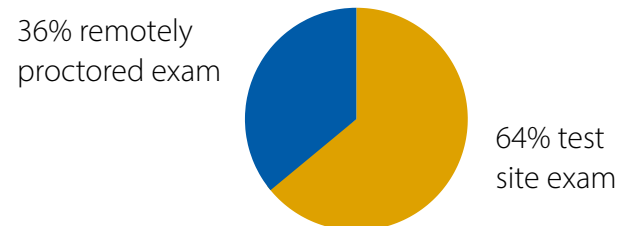
99% success rate of initial encounters

0.6% of all encounters had to be rerun once the fifth SOO station finished due to technical issues in the initial running

2 emergency examination sessions were initiated at the end of exam day on both Saturdays for a rerun of one or two stations for eight candidates.

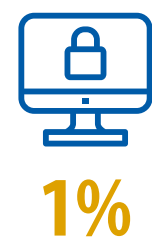
Written exam administration details

Mode of delivery



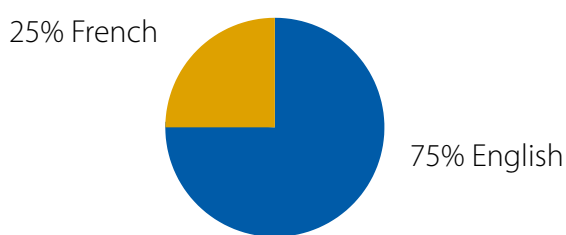
One-third of candidates opted for remote proctoring of their exam. Public health restrictions on indoor gatherings limited the number of people that could be accommodated at test centres.

Technical difficulties



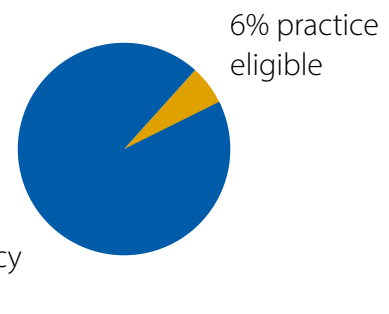
Fourteen candidates experienced technical difficulties and alternative options were found for them. With effective communication channels in place, the CFPC was able to solve problems in a quick, professional, and consistent manner.

Language of choice



One quarter of candidates took the exams in French

Eligibility route



Majority of the candidates qualified through the residency-eligible route.

The CFPC is dedicated to working with committees, schools, and resident groups to address unique challenges related to exams. We welcome your ongoing engagement and invite you to share your concerns by emailing ccfpexam@cfpc.ca.